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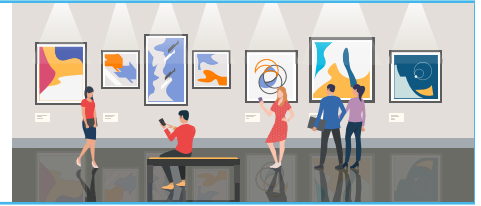
### Mysterious

He was being very **mysterious** about where he was going.



### Gallery

The **gallery** charges an entrance fee.



### Protection

Her coat gave her **protection** from the rain.



### Tribute

-Thousands of people stood in silent **tribute** to the dead president.

-This song is a **tribute** to John.



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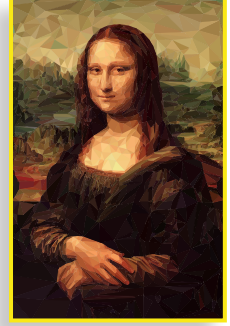
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## Mona Lisa Mystery

Leonardo da Vinci started painting the Mona Lisa in 1503. It took him many years to paint this picture. The Mona Lisa is now the world's most famous painting. What is so special about the Mona Lisa? The painting shows a young woman with a mysterious smile. After five hundred years, people still want to know what she is thinking. The country of France keeps this painting in an art gallery called the Louvre. Because it is so famous, this painting now needs protection. In 1911, a gallery worker hid the Mona Lisa under his coat. He stole the painting and gave it to a friend. His friend copied the painting a few times. Each time, he sold the copy and called it the real Mona Lisa. This friend hid the real Mona Lisa in a box. He kept it there for two years.

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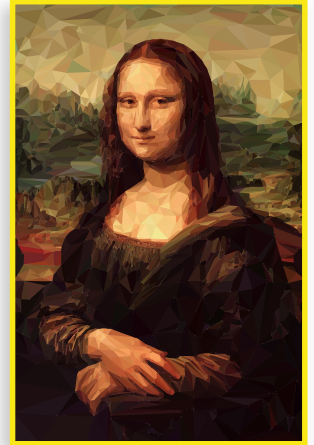
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Then, when he tried to sell the painting, the police caught him. The Mona Lisa soon went back to the gallery. There are some funny tributes to the Mona Lisa. These tributes make the Mona Lisa even more famous. An artist from Japan made a Mona Lisa from pieces of burned toast. Also, a lego fan used over thirty thousand lego blocks to create Mona Lego. What would Leonardo da Vinci think of that?



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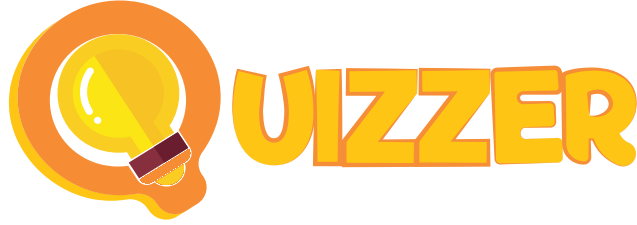
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**A: Choose the best answer.**

1) It took Leonardo da Vinci many ..... to paint the Mona Lisa.

- a) years
- b) helpers
- c) months
- d) models

2) To steal the Mona Lisa, an art gallery worker .....

- a) took it out of its frame.
- b) dropped it out of a window.
- c) covered it with another painting.
- d) hid it under his coat.

3) Which of the following is Not true about the Mona Lisa?

- a) The country of France owns the painting.
- b) A policeman bought the painting.
- c) There are many kinds of copies.
- d) It was in a box for two years.

4) What can you guess about the Mona Lisa?

- a) It is now more famous than ever before.
- b) It was well protected before 1911.
- c) It is worth about fifteen million dollars.
- d) It was completed in 1503.

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## HONING SKILLS

### Causes

### Effect

The Mona Lisa now needs increased protection

The copies were sold a few times.

Police caught the person who stole the Mona Lisa.

A Mona Lisa was made out of burned toast.

A

False copies of the painting were made by the thief's friend.

B

An artist in Japan made a tribute to Mona Lisa.

C

The painting was stolen in 1911.

D

Someone tried to sell the painting.

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